

Testimony to GAE Committee, 03-04-2022

RE: SB 184 and HB 5262

My name is Linda Bronstein. I am a resident of West Hartford, and I write to you in support of SB 184 and HB 5262.

I think it is very important to continue through the 2022 election the provision for anyone who is concerned about exposure to COVID-19 to vote by absentee ballot. Although the risk of COVID infection seems to be subsiding now, we don't know what the situation will be in November. And even now, thousands of people are in higher risk categories and would be ill-advised to let down their guard and expose themselves to possible infection.

More than 650,000 Connecticut residents voted by absentee ballot in the 2020 election in CT, which was a strong factor in producing the record-breaking 80% voter turnout.

Nobody should have to choose between exercising their right to vote and protecting their health. Please continue the COVID-19 safety measures of 2020 and 2021, including allowing everyone who wants to avoid exposure to COVID-19 to vote by absentee ballot.

Please pass SB 184 and HB 5262.

Thank you for your time.

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